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Family Camps

Family Camps will be held at Cazadero again this summer. There will be two of them: one July 27 to August 3 with Rev. Richard Norberg of Hayward as director; the other August 3 to 10 with Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda as director.

Both of these conferences have the same general objectives and the same general program. The purpose is to make possible for the families of churches to enjoy a vacation in the forested mountain country in the Russian River area, to develop closer acquaintance and deeper fellowship among Congregational families, and through the beauties of nature, the companionship of kindred spirits, and worship to find kinship with God.

The program will be informal. The family will be the unit about which activities will be organized, but the camp hours will be for the whole group. There will be classes for adults and groups for the children in the morning hours under capable leadership.

Mr. Mitchell Johnson, leader of excellent ability from Andover Newton Theological Seminary, will be a guest. A family counsellor will be at each camp. Mrs. Earl Doxsee of Oakland, for the second camp, serves in this capacity.

For further information please contact Rev. Richard C. Norberg, 1471 Bridge Street, Hayward, or Rev. Ralph C. Conard, 2000 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

Holland Stripped

Brave as the people of many European countries showed themselves to be during the war and are now proving still further in these post-war years, none are more deserving of our admiration and respect than the citizens of little Holland. Throughout her history Holland has demonstrated over and over again her courage and determination to remain a free land. Her men, women and children have endured hardships and privations of every description and are so enduring today.

Mrs. Frieda J. Demarest, C.W.V.R. representative in England, has recently made a visit to Holland and submits the following comments:

"The country is simply stripped. What the people have suffered is beyond belief. The population of nine million must be entirely reclothed. All their possessions have been stolen and life is primitive and exceedingly difficult. The meals are invariably turnips, potatoes and carrots in some form. The recovery of health is remarkable, though not deep, for the people quickly tire and become irritable. But nothing really daunts them, supported as they are by the joy of living free. Our Congregational Christian Committee is working with and through an inter-church Relief Committee."

Many persons in the United States are enjoying the privilege of direct contact with Dutch families through personal letters and packages of food, clothing, and various small items so greatly needed and appreciated. The letters of acknowledgment of these gifts are touching in the extreme and often, too, show flashes of humor. Am especially impressed by the command of English shown by young as well as old and by the fine spirit displayed by the writers. Holland is indeed revealing herself as still valiant and untiring in her determination to rebuild her shattered life.

—MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

SUMMER Y. P. PROGRAM

Each of the six areas of Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship will have a separate summer conference. San Joaquin area will hold its camp at Lake Sequoia, while other areas will come to Congregational Cazadero.

Rev. Willis Goldsmith of Porterville will direct the youth camp of the San Joaquin Valley area, assisted by a faculty including Dr. Ralph Larkin of Claremont, Rev. S. Papajian of Fowler, Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto, and Rev. Clayton H. Gill of Tulare.

A total of eleven conferences will be held at our Cazadero camp this summer. Besides the two family camps, there will be two Junior High camps with a program fitted for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Rev. Henry Hayden, of Guerneville, will direct one August 10-17, and Mr. Floyd Williams, leader in San Lorenzo Village, will lead Junior High No. 2, August 17-24.

The State Pilgrim Fellowship camp is the only officially delegated camp. Each Pilgrim Fellowship group is allowed two representatives, with more for groups larger than twenty. State camp is the annual business meeting at which state officers are elected, the budget is adopted, and plans for the year are made. In addition, the experience gives all the fun and inspiration of a regular camp program.

Upper Bay is the first area to have the use of the two new boys' cabins, and the new equipment obtained for the grounds, with its camp June 15-17. Rev. Elmo Wolfe will be director.

Rev. Art Casaday, director of Redwood Empire P.F. camp, June 22-29, announces a faculty including Rev. Emerson Harris of Eureka, Mrs. Eleanor Gans, who will be dean of women as well as teacher, Rev. C. H. Hudson, and Mr. James P. Senter, who will lead the camp music.

Rev. Arthur Rice comes from the Reno church to direct Central Area camp, with experience behind him at Lake Sequoia. With probably several delegations attending camp for the first time, June 20 to July 6 will be a highlight experience for P.F.ers from this largest of areas.

West Bay camp will be the first to welcome back delegates from the National Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, and hear their reports. The camp, July 6 to 13, directed by Rev. Robert Carlson, will guarantee health with Dr. Bertha Mason of San Jose on the staff. She will be camp doctor and conduct a course on personal problems.

East Bay camp, July 13-20, promises to be full to the 100 limit, judging from the size of East Bay rallies. Director Eugene V. Haynes warns applicants to register early to be sure of having a place reserved.

Plymouth House

May 5th to 12th was "Religious Emphasis Week" on the University of California campus. Plymouth House was in charge of the arrangements for daily chapel services, with Rev. J. Ford Forsyth as the speaker. The theme for the week was "Seeing Life Whole in College."

Plymouth House students attended the sunrise service at Cragmont Rock on Easter Sunday and then returned to the House for breakfast. Forty-five were in the group.

As a Social Action project for the last month, a packing party was held one Friday evening when gifts of food were brought. Eleven boxes were packed weighing a total of 85 pounds, and they were forwarded to a school in the Netherlands. It is planned to organize for one of these food packing parties each month.

A "Christian Vocations Conference" is being held May 10-12 at Camp Duncan. There were six delegates from Plymouth House.

CONGREGATIONAL ROTARY

Congregational ministers seem to be very acceptable as presidents of Rotary Clubs. Rev. John H. Gregg is just completing his term as president of the Fresno Club, Rev. Ralph V. Conard and Rev. Vere V. Loper have been elected president of the Alameda and Berkeley Clubs, respectively. All three are to make the trip to the International Rotary Convention at Atlantic City. Mr. Conard and Dr. Loper will attend the General Council while on the trip.

Church's Chance

At a recent conference in San Francisco a chaplain in discussing the holding of the returning service men for the church quoted thirteen points by a fellow chaplain, Robert L. Schock, printed in the "Christian Evangelist."

"1. I would know every feature and item of the so-called GI Bill of Rights, what it offers and does not offer to the returned soldier, school and business loans.

2. I would contact the Veterans' Administration and know all about pensions, disabilities, benefits, and death allowances for soldiers and widows.

3. Each large city and nearly every small city has a "Veterans' Information Center." I would be very familiar with every phase of its work.

4. I would visit every trade and labor union and determine their status and requirements for returning veterans.

5. I would visit the United States and other employment groups and be well acquainted with the labor available in my community. It will be necessary to keep this data up to date.

6. I would visit the leading real estate agents and have a good knowledge of available housing and probable housing. I would even keep a housing list.

7. I would visit the local Chamber of Commerce and get a complete picture of manufacturing, trade and business now in the community and proposed or anticipated growth. I would obtain or make a list of good small businesses that the Chamber of Commerce feels would be of benefit to the community, and might be started by servicemen.

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R. E. Laboratory Training School

Christian Education leaders, Sunday School teachers, Vacation Church School workers, and young people in training for leadership are alerted on plans for a Laboratory Training School in Oakland, July 8 to 19, at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Mildred Widber, our national director of Children's Work, is keynote leader and will speak at afternoon forums, open to everyone. One of six schools sponsored by the Leadership Education Commission of the California Council of Churches, the school will be inter-denominational, but our Conference Christian Education Committee is administering this Oakland school. Other laboratory schools are to be at Bakersfield, Marysville, Reno, San Anselmo, and Eureka. Mrs. Wade, children's worker in defense housing areas and a Negro leader, is also on the faculty.

The essential feature of the Laboratory School is the demonstration class period each morning, with the Laboratory School students observing expert teaching in actual operation with a chance for practice teaching under the direction of the experts and with a chance for discussion of methods and problems after the children and the demonstration class have left.

Tuition fee for the Laboratory School is $5.00. Cafeteria luncheons will be served at 50 cents. Housing will be provided at $1.00 per night for those coming from a distance and wishing accommodations.

Miss Alice Sanderson is the Dean of the School, and further information and registration blanks can be obtained from her at Plymouth Congregational Church, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 11, California.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 18-25—General Council, Grinnell, Iowa.
JUNE 23-JULY 2—Institute of International Relations at Mills College.
JULY 8-19—Laboratory School for Christian Education, Plymouth Church, Oakland.
AUGUST 14-19 — M.E.M. Conference, Asilomar.
OCTOBER 22-24 — Annual meeting of State Conference at Sacramento.

1946 CAMP SCHEDULE

JUNE 15-22—Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship.
JUNE 15-22—San Joaquin (at Lake Sequoia).
JUNE 22-29—Redwood P. F.
JUNE 29-JULY 6—Central P. F.
JULY 6-13—West Bay P. F.
JULY 13-20—East Bay P. F.
JULY 27-AUGUST 3—Family Camp No. 1.
AUGUST 3-10—Family Camp No. 2.
AUGUST 10-17—Junior High No. 1.
AUGUST 17-24—Junior High No. 2.
AUGUST 24-31—State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp.
AUGUST 31-SEPT. 3—College Student Camp.

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CHURCH'S CHANCE

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8. I would know where the nearest government facilities for hospitalization and care for veterans is located and visit it. I would know what medical care is available to them and how obtained.

9. I would visit the nearest recruiting service and obtain information concerning re-enlistments and rights thereof.

10. I would know about the reconversion of government insurance and be able to advise the soldier concerning same.

11. I would recheck the benefits of the Soldiers and Sailors' Relief Act.

12. I would be well acquainted with all of the schools within several hundred miles, their costs, tuitions, scholarships, etc.; with these basic facts at my finger tips I would contact every returning veteran. I would determine his desires as to work, the future, housing, marriage, love, schooling, etc. In other words, let him know you are his friend, you have his welfare at heart and you are going to do something about it. I would not let go of his hand until he was completely assimilated and co-ordinated to civilian life.

13. I would go with him to his boss, his labor union, the employment office, the real estate office, the bank, the ice man, the grocery man. I would serve him and be his pastor."

I would not worry about his being in church after that. He would be there. He would also believe what I preached. He would know what I meant when I spoke of brotherly love and understanding and helping one's fellow man.

That is what the chaplain did for him in the army. It is the least his home pastor can do.

FORWARD WITH UNIT PLAN

Rev. N. F. Sanderson is continuing to present the claims of the Unit Plan to churches and lay people of our Conference. It is the desire to secure as much of this year's quota in the early months as possible. This fund when it is completed will insure that Congregational ministers who enrolled in the original Annuity Plan will receive their modest pensions without fail.

WELCOMED

John William Wolfe, in spite of housing shortage, has found a home in Benicia with Rev. and Mrs. Elmo D. Wolfe. He arrived on April 12, weighing in at seven pounds and six ounces. He found a welcome from two sisters as well as his parents.

FOWLER. This church has contributed over $1000 for Armenian relief. New lectern, pulpit, and communion table have been installed. Rev. S. Papajian is pastor.

Great Gains

Easter brought an outpouring of gifts for regular benevolences and for War Victims and Reconstruction. Not all of it is reflected in the figures below. A considerable number of churches made remittances after the first of May.

It must be borne in mind that some churches continue to send at least portions of their missionary money and their gifts to CWVR to the Treasury in New York or to the Treasury of the National German Conference. Herewith are set forth the amounts which have come through the Conference Treasury since January 11th and, for comparative purposes, the regular benevolences for the corresponding period of a year ago are shown.

In other words, thus far our people have shown a "substantial and courageous increase" of nearly 50 per cent, as shown by the first two columns, and a most heartening response to the appeal of the CWVR.

	App't Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, 1945	App't incl. S.C.I. Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, 1946	1946 C.W.V.R.
Adin	$ 13.00	$ 7.00	$ 12.96
Alameda	240.22	591.06	580.39
Alturas	36.95	47.65	43.13
Angels Camp	103.00	100.00	25.00
Antioch	35.71	25.38	.....
Auburn	40.00	56.00	66.00
Benicia	230.00	.....	219.56
Berkeley—			
Arlington	45.66	33.90	.....
Chinese	.....	10.00	51.81
First	2,709.04	4,904.91	2,960.72
North	186.60	234.85	171.10
Northbrae	.....	.....	50.00
South	149.42	164.92	10.00
Campbell	80.00	50.00	10.00
Cedarville	.....	33.75	.....
Cloverdale	33.52	21.92	3.00
Cotati	10.00	25.00	25.00
Crockett	18.32	32.93	.....
Dinuba	.....	.60	.....
Elk Grove	.....	6.64	.....
Eureka	156.88	222.94	97.10
Ferndale	98.70	84.55	.....
Fresno, First	550.00	655.00	762.90
Pilgrim	414.62	.....	67.87
Glen Ellen	21.00	70.00	80.00
Grass Valley	.....	25.00	.....
Guerneville	20.00	13.40	107.93
Hayward	.....	10.00	.....
Kenwood	11.46	8.45	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	28.80	1,192.00
First	1,329.00	2,985.00	5,183.00
Loleta	40.23	4.00	.....
Loomis	23.86	100.00	.....
Martinez	132.58	385.06	315.10
Murphys	83.40	81.00	.....
Niles	.....	50.00	.....
Oakland, First	1,760.00	2,512.57	1,128.87
Fruitvale	15.00	26.50	10.00
Japanese	15.00	.....	.....
Pilgrim	21.00	31.60	89.18
Plymouth	336.45	421.23	3.00
Orinda	75.80	131.08	65.55
Oroville	144.67	572.72	500.40
Pacific Grove	92.65	24.60	.....
Palo Alto	500.00	500.00	300.00
Paradise	50.00	200.00	.....
Parlier	.....	25.00	.....
Penngrove	39.36	14.43	39.18
Pescadero	.....	.....	41.01
Petaluma	294.75	336.00	.....
Pittsburg	64.31	79.63	.....
Port Chicago	37.56	.....	29.54
Porterville	400.00	600.00	725.00
Redwood City	210.07	212.04	.....
Reedley	25.00	.....	.....
Rio Vista	70.00	50.00	.....
Ripon	76.43	86.84	25.00
Sacramento	320.00	550.00	719.05
Salida	41.00	35.00	.....
San Carlos	80.00	100.00	105.05
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Pk.	75.00	95.00	.....
Chinese	.....	20.00	30.00
First	365.57	452.83	309.00
Grace United	.....	27.16	.....
Ocean View	66.15	25.00	5.00
Park-Presidio	49.00	58.75	.....
Sanger	.....	14.08	176.71
San Jose	233.27	283.52	594.97
San Leandro	25.40	51.16	6.00
San Mateo	437.53	210.73	.....
San Rafael	29.00	42.55	.....
Santa Cruz	305.00	225.00	.....
Santa Rosa	71.00	94.46	.....
Saratoga	179.45	108.56	142.84
Sebastopol	93.78	85.77	172.40
Sonoma	46.68	120.85	97.30
Soquel	30.00	.....	.....
Stockton	246.39	361.58	97.44
Suisun	25.00	51.94	40.43
Tulare	315.00	200.33	.....
Weaverville	75.00	100.00	.....
Woodside	23.80	11.50	37.50
Reno, Nevada	124.55	208.22	41.25
Miscellaneous	658.12	838.41	676.95
	$14,956.91	$21,266.35	$18,262.69

BERKELEY, NORTH. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, pastor. Family Night this month was a very successful hobby show with contestants from an eight-year-old collector of small bottles to a great grandmother still making exquisite quilts. A large astronomy exhibit included a four-inch refractor telescope. Among other interesting exhibits were a collection of polished stones, all done by the amateur lapidary — collections of articles from Alaska, small pottery dogs, old music scores, Victorian glass, pictures of railroad engines, stamps, shells, flower arrangements, Boy Scout and Girl Scout exhibits, etc. North Church is finding Family Night increasingly useful in bringing the members of the Church together.

FERNDALE AND LOLETA. The 11 o'clock service at Ferndale is being broadcast over the Eureka radio station, with special music by the youth choir made up of young people from both churches. Enough money has come from outside sources to pay for installation and other obligations. The pastor, Rev. Charles H. Hudson, is seeking information regarding the early Christian activities of the pioneers which may be used in the broadcasts and later preserved. The Ferndale church has contributed more than $225 for the CWVR besides a considerable offering during Lent for world relief. The church is being painted by the pastor and other volunteer workers.

OAKLAND, FIRST. One hundred and fifty Rainbow Girls of the Golden Chain Assembly attended the morning services, April 7th. The Young Matrons' Circle and the Church School sponsored a tea for the mothers of the Beginners' and Primary Departments. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach participated in the Good Friday services under the auspices of the Oakland Council of Churches. On Easter, at a special 4:30 o'clock service, sixty adults joined the church, fifteen by confession; thirty-three babies were baptized. A reception in the Social Hall followed for all those who had joined since last Easter.

EUREKA. The church bought a parsonage and Rev. and Mrs. Emerson Harris moved in. Pilgrim Fellowship was reorganized and Mrs. Muriel Smith as Advisor is doing fine work. A Couples' Club was organized a month back and is showing promise for the church. Field Secretary Meyer and Mr. James P. Senter, of Sebastopol, were recent visitors assisting the church with its young peoples' work and Christian Education. The Church School is buying a projector and screen for visual education to be included as part of the educational work of the church for adults as well as for children.

FAIRFAX. There has been and continues to be a heavy turn-over in population. Even the postoffice has difficulty keeping up with the changes. The church has a missionary opportunity. Of twenty-two children enrolled in the Beginners' Department, eighteen came from families with no connection whatever with the church. Good Friday services were held at 2 o'clock and business houses closed for the hour. Rev. Rudolph Caughey has resigned to take effect as of June 30th after serving the field for two years.

PESCADERO. The Friday school of religious education met four times during the month. The Ladies' Guild holds weekly meetings and sponsors the monthly potluck dinners. Food and clothing were packed for overseas. On March 24, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. William F. Keeney, two laymen of the church conducted the service, which was very well attended.

PORTERVILLE. On Palm Sunday 24 were baptized, half of them babies, 21 of them new members—eight war veterans—on confession of faith. At the three-hour service on Good Friday, seven pastors cooperated, speaking on "The Seven Last Words." The Candlelight Communion on Thursday evening of Holy Week, impressively observed, was well attended. On Easter morning the sanctuary was twice filled for identical services, two choirs furnishing special music, assisted by thirty-four children robed in white. The offering for War Victims and Reconstruction totaled Five Hundred and Ninety Dollars. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. The newest organization of the Federated Church is a young married group from all quarters of the country, the husbands having recently been discharged from service. Meetings that include social and study features, held monthly, have, at the request of members, been changed to twice monthly. An enthusiastic annual meeting heard encouraging reports on all phases of church life, the new budget adopted calling for 100 per cent increase in benevolences to care for emergency appeals from both the Congregational and the Presbyterian churches. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

PETALUMA. Rev. Herbert C. Gans, pastor, reports he is sure the pledges for CWVR will reach Nine Hundred Dollars or more. The fine community house serves the social needs not only of the congregation but of the community, with active work among young people centering here. A beautiful Goethic Cross, gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matot, was dedicated in the Candlelight Communion Service. The cross was designed and made by Mr. Frank LaHaye of Sonoma, to harmonize with other church appointments. Five new members were received the Sunday after Easter.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. This downtown church was used every noon during Easter week for evangelistic services, under the San Francisco Council of Churches. The usual three-hour service was held on Good Friday. Communion was celebrated on Maundy Thursday, and there were three great services on Easter Sunday. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, had the pleasure of presenting his classmate at Yale, Rev. Lucius C. Porter, to his congregation on April 28. Twelve new members were received on Easter. The building has been painted and has two beautiful neon signs.

SONOMA. The Church Property Committee has been busy drafting preliminary reports in preparation for launching into a proposed building campaign. The church plant is in need of modernization. Easter services were well attended and were climaxed by the presentation of the annual Easter cantata, sung by the chorus choir. Rev. Edward W. Perry is the pastor.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. Services of worship have been resumed. Four young people and six children were baptized on Easter. Rev. Norio Osaki is being loaned by his church for extension work in various localities where there are Japanese people without Protestant religious services.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

GUERNEVILLE. The first week-end in April a fine camp was held for fifty-one High School young people from the area. Rev. Frank E. Carlson of PSR was guest speaker and lay leadership was provided from each church in the area. A Lenten series of suppers and discussion groups was successfully completed. A youth membership class was also conducted on Sunday mornings with a membership of fifteen young people. Eleven of them made the decision to join the fellowship of Christians in the church, and two adults were admitted later. A Mr. Reilly, from Ukiah, who has had preparation in Christian youth work, has recently accepted the superintendency of the Sunday School. Members of the church have pledged themselves to support the campaign to prevent war famine in four ways: by increased support of our War Victims' Committee, by direct financial support to the President's plan, by sending food packages, and by eating less and cutting down on essential food products. Rev. Henry Hayden is pastor.

CROCKETT. Open house was held by Rev. and Mrs. C. V. Carlson at the parsonage two successive nights to celebrate and express appreciation for the fine new stove which had been installed. Sunday School has been reorganized and new material is being used. A new Cub Pack has been organized with five dens. Junior Y.P.'s group is in process of formation. A Junior choir has been started. Members were received Easter Sunday morning. The evening service was held at the Community Auditorium with the Community Glee Club furnishing an hour of Easter Music. Plans are being laid for a Teachers' Training Course. Rev. Hamlin G. Tobey, Educational Director of the San Francisco Presbytery, spoke at a teachers' meeting.

REDWOOD CITY. Mr. Ray Squires joined the church staff as Director of Youth Work, beginning April first. Among other activities he will lead a Bible Class for young married people. The motion picture, "The King of Kings," was shown on Wednesday evening of Easter Week. Church attendance has increased. The budget and benevolence contributions are going up. As a memorial to Dr. Robert Currie, a former pastor, his family has presented the church with two hundred and fifty Pilgrim Hymnals. Florescent lighting has been installed in the social hall. Rev. and Mrs. Roland deVries are rejoicing in the modern parsonage which has been purchased.

ALAMEDA. Through fortunate circumstances the church has been able to acquire a much more modern and suitable parsonage, and at the same time to dispose of the very large out-moded house which has served for many years. The new parsonage has hardwood floors throughout and central heating and is in the same block as the church. The Knights Templar of Alameda were guests at the second Easter morning service. Rev. Ralph V. Conrad, the pastor, has presented the Postwar Emergency Program to a number of churches and associations.

SAN MATEO. Rev. Benton Gaskell, just released as a navy chaplain, will be associated with Rev. Sydney H. Buckham beginning May 15th. Mr. Gaskell is a graduate of Amherst College and Hartford Seminary. He has had special training in personal counselling, religious education and youth work. Mr. Buckham preached a series of sermons leading up to Easter on "The Gospel of John."

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. Special services were held on Holy Thursday, and on Good Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. Easter program was markedly successful. The Youth Choir attended Sunrise Service at Woodminster and were served breakfast at the church afterward. Ladies of the church gave a public dinner and cleared about $150.00. With part of the proceeds a Public Address System has been ordered. A loud speaker will be installed on the church for playing chimes and appropriate music to be heard in the community. A new high quality roof has been installed on the church. On Thursday, May 2nd, a series of five sessions for adults on personal relations begins, continuing each Thursday. Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, will conduct the classes. The church has voted to hire an architect to draw plans for an additional building on church property.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. From the Dutch Refugee ship, on its way across the Pacific, Capt. Vellenga, who through his appearance before the church contacted the "Save the Children" Federation and the AWVS, sent back deep appreciation for the ten tons of clothing contributed by organizations of the church, its members and friends. On Thursday evening, April 25th, Mrs. Charlie Field Cole of New York spoke on behalf of the American Rural School program of "Save the Children" Federation. She had a thrilling story to tell. Twenty-four persons were received into membership on Palm Sunday. The Easter offering amounted to $1300. Sixteen children were baptized on Easter Sunday by Rev. Robert W. Inglis, the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Thirty-eight persons were received into membership at the Holy Thursday candlelight communion service, which was attended by nearly 600 people. A three-hour service sponsored by the Ministerial Union was held on Good Friday, and during the Easter season there were sixteen baptisms. Through the generosity of a member, the art glass windows were repaired at a cost of $825, and a bequest of $2000 was received by the church from a devoted member. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

LODI, FIRST. On Palm Sunday evening the religious drama, "If," by Marchus Bach, written after the manner of an old mystery play, was given to a full church. The generous offering was given to the Postwar Emergency fund. It was reported that over $6000 has been given since January 1 for this purpose by the church. Nine new members were welcomed at the candlelight communion service on Maundy Thursday. Rev. A. R. Boone is the pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The campaign for a $15,000 building fund is going forward, having reached the halfway mark. The final church basketball league game was played on March 9 versus the St. John's team. The Chinese team was victorious, having won eight games during the season. The pastor, Rev. N. F. Kwang, is waiting for passage back to China.

RIPON. The interior of the church has been redecorated and the expense borne by the Sunday School and three clubs. A substantial offering was received on Easter for the War Victims' Fund. Eighteen families shared Sunday dinner during Lent for this cause. Rev. A. C. Hacke is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, pastor, reports that sunrise services were held at Murphys and that both churches were crowded on Easter Day. The nursery, which is open during church services at Angels Camp, is supervised by the J.O.Y. youth group. The main emphasis of the month has been on stewardship, presenting the benevolent work of the denomination. There is increasing attendance as a result of the visitation campaign. The laymen of the two churches have organized into a Brotherhood, composed of three committees, one on Evangelism, one on Youth and Boys' Work and the other on Social Action. The Evangelism Committee is planning a through-the-year program and hope to reach into other parts of the area. The members are also sponsoring a Youth and Adult Center for Angels Camp, using the facilities of an old three-story house on Mr. Granger's property.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. On April 28 forty-five adults and twenty young people joined the church, the latter by a unique service. They were vested in white robes and marched in a processional to the front of the altar. There the minister asked them questions: What is the essence of the Gospel, stated in a few words? What is the origin of the Congregational Churches and its main principles? The group had been taught in an instruction class and replied in unison. After this they all knelt before the altar and repeated the church covenant, followed by a prayer of dedication. Special emphasis is placed upon an impressive ceremony in receiving and training youth. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Under the direction of Miss Alice D. English, the Children's Project goes forward with boys' choir on Tuesday, Little Women on Wednesday, weekday church school on Friday, and Boys' Club on Saturday. The church was host to the spring meeting of the Bay Association. During the Easter season 26 members were received into the church, eight of them to the Congregational group and eighteen as Methodists. Rev. E. Leroy Abbott is pastor.

MARTINEZ. The average attendance since January 1st is 185. 650 attended two identical services on Easter. The new chimes were played each noon during Holy Week. 15 new members were received on Palm Sunday. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, in behalf of the church, invites all friends of the late Rev. Thomas T. Giffen to attend the dedication services of the memorial chimes Sunday afternoon, May 19th, at 4 o'clock.

SAN CARLOS. Easter Sunday morning service was held in the theater. The attendance of adults and children was more than 800. There was a total offering of $938.00. The Sunday School now has 550 on its rolls. A well illustrated publication called "Doubler" is being distributed throughout the community in preparation for the new building fund campaign which is soon to be launched. Rev. H. J. Loken and Rev. Weldon Batty are the pastors.

RIO VISTA. There is $3,460 on hand for church building renovation. The Knights Templar were served dinner on Easter Sunday following the service, which they attended. A club of 65 young married couples gives the church a great deal of help in various ways. Rev. J. N. Bridges is pastor.

HAYWARD. On Palm Sunday at a 4 o'clock service, thirteen infants and children, and thirteen adults were baptized; thirty-six members were added to the roll, thirty on confession of faith and six by letter. An impressive candle lighting and dimming service was conducted following Communion on Maundy Thursday. On Easter Sunday 396 attended the two services, combined choirs furnishing fine music. Mite boxes collected on Palm Sunday for Lenten period contained in excess of $250, ear-marked for Worldwide Service and Relief. The Ladies' Aid held a delightful Easter Egg hunt and tea on Thursday prior to Palm Sunday, a great success financially as well as socially, proceeds to swell the funds for furnishing the new church parlor. Rev. Richard Norberg is pastor.

BENICIA. A new and permanent parsonage in a very desirable residential section has been purchased, and the old parsonage is being painted in preparation for sale. The pastor, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, participated in the Silverado Boy Scout Council banquet in Vallejo, representing the Protestant ministry of the area. Rev. Donald Gaylord and a group of young people from Martinez were in attendance in an evening worship service on March 24, Mr. Gaylord speaking on "What Can One Man Do?" The church has sold nine copies of "One God" by Fitch and about 18 copies of "One Nation" by Stegner, and has ordered 25 of the new New Testaments. A retreat for members of the council and their families is planned. Two identical services were held on Easter morning.

STOCKTON. A "Long Primer Pulpit Bible," which is the finest Bible made by the American Bible Society, was presented to the church and used for the first time on March 7. At this service an offering was made for War Victims, amounting to nearly $300. A candlelight communion service was held on Maundy Thursday, and on Good Friday evening an hour of meditation and music. Rev. Noel J. Breed is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK-PRESIDIO. This church is determined to clean up its building indebtedness during the current year. Rev. Robert W. Moon is conducting a series of six round tables on the teachings of Jesus on Thursday evenings. During the Easter season 28 persons were received into church fellowship. More than 600 persons worshipped at the two services on Easter morning.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. With the return of service men attendance at the young people's society has increased to 45, and more than 200 attend morning worship. The Men's Brotherhood has doubled in membership during the year. A new public address system, reaching all parts of the building, has been installed. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian has been called as pastor for a second term of five years.

CAMPBELL. Through six organizations this church reaches 250 young people each week. Thirty-one new members were received in April. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The May Meeting of the Federation will be held Thursday, May 16th, in the First Church, Oakland.

A MEMORABLE SPRING DAY

The Spring Meeting of the Federation lived up to all that was expected of it. The weather was perfect; the Petaluma women greeted us warmly and provided for all our needs; the program was interesting throughout; and the number of those who attended more than filled the beautiful auditorium. As to that auditorium itself, may one who knew the church many years ago speak a word? She could not believe herself in the same room, it has been so completely transformed. Its restful beauty made more enjoyable the program which Mrs. Harley Gill had planned for us.

You will remember that, due to provisions in the New York office, the "year" for the Literature report runs from April to April, so that Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, the Chairman, made her Annual Report at this time. It is always one to which we listen with special interest. Mrs. Siegrist had made out mimeographed sheets showing statistics for the past year, and comparisons with the previous one. So as she spoke, we could all look at ourselves in the glass, as it were, and see just what we had done and how we compared with others, and with ourselves of a year ago. As those sheets have doubtless gone home to the societies represented, we will give only a few generalizations here. Out of twenty-nine societies listed, nine either made no report or made it too late for inclusion in Mrs. Siegrist's report. Of the remaining twenty, all but four made increases in the number of credits (i.e., readers and books read). Some of these gains were spectacular: South Berkeley Community Church women increased from 9 in '45 to 135 in '46; and Benicia was a close second, gaining from 42 to 125 this year. Other churches which made large gains were Oakland First, Lodi (which more than doubled), Tulare, and San Carlos. Mrs. Siegrist stressed the fact that it was the number of women reading rather than a few reading a large number of books which was the vital point. In reply to a question from the floor, Mrs. Siegrist stated that where there was no group reading, any individual could make her own report and send to Mrs. Siegrist. The books, in each of the four groups, read most largely were as follows: Group I: The Bible, with "The Christ of the American Road" following; Group II: "And Now to Live Again"; Group III: "The Missionary Doctor"; Group IV: "Anna and the King of Siam" (Still!), followed by "Papa Was a Preacher." Mrs. Siegrist pointed out that a book on the last year's list, which you did not read then, is still good for this year, and named "They Found the Church There," as one especially worth reading. She suggested that as your group secures a new book, either by purchase or gift, you list it on your church calendar. You may even start the men of your church reading, and Mrs. Siegrist will gladly welcome them to the fold.

We have been hearing through our Home Field Secretary, Mrs. W. Meyer, of the Educational Recordings, on missionary lines, available from the Conference office at a rental of fifty cents each, or $3.00 for a set of twelve. Mr. Meyer had brought one of these records to the meeting and let us listen to "The Boy Who Went to School on a Cook-Stove," which proved conclusively the value these would have for children and young people. There is a set for Home Field called "Adventure in the U.S.A.," and another called "All Aboard for Adventure" dealing with the Southwest Pacific.

Miss Edith Parsons, long a Principal of the Girls' School at Iazmir, Turkey, and even longer a personal friend of many of our Federation membership, spoke on the problems of the Peace which occasionally seems a little unsure on its foundations. She pointed out that, however unlikely an end of our civilization may be, civilizations have been destroyed, and she emphasized that there are only two defences for our own or any civilization: Friendship, and Spiritual Ideals. If we surround ourselves with a circle of friends, we need have no fear of enemies. We must begin here to build up a defence of understanding of our neighbors. Commenting on the spiritual message which it is ours to bring, Miss Parsons said trenchantly: "If you want to train up a child in the way he should go, it is first necessary that you walk in that way yourself."

Dr. Lucius Porter spoke interestingly and informatively on the role of the Christian Chinese woman in the building of the New China. He traced briefly the development of the work among the Chinese women and girls from the relatively small schools of early years to the present colleges and universities. The significance of that early training in the wider field was not recognized by the earnest teachers, who were endeavoring to prepare their students to be helpful as daughters and valuable helpmeets in Christian homes. As an instance of the force which women have become in the China of today, Dr. Porter cited Dr. Wu, who was sent by her Government to the great gathering of nations at San Francisco to be Advisor to the Chinese delegation. It was almost unnecessary even to mention Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek, or Mme. Sun Yat Sen. With regard to the situation in China today, Dr. Porter stated that while there is a terrific rehabilitation problem ahead, the cloud of anxiety in the face of military occupation is removed. There will undoubtedly be regrettable outbreaks, but the re-creative period of Chinese culture is opening, and in its development Chinese women will have their share.

To the great enjoyment of the gathering, the San Carlos women who at the March meeting so generously shared with us their talent and that of their minister and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Loken, brought us two more of the Dramatic Monologues: the lament of Rizpah, and the story of Jephthah's Daughter—one of the most poignant, surely, of Bible tales. Do not forget that you may get these monologues yourself for use in your own society, by sending to the Conference office or to Mrs. Loken at San Carlos.

In the closing Service of Worship, the Rev. Herbert Gans, pastor of the Petaluma church, spoke on "The Man Next Door." Our neighbor is not merely the man actually near us, but any one who needs us—and that, Mr. Gans pointed out, does also include the real man next door. It is sometimes easier to appreciate the needs of those somewhat removed from us than to sympathize with those whose more unlovely qualities we see at close hand.

Through an oversight credit was not given in the handbook and directory which was just published for the "Friendly Service Quotas" which were met by three churches—Grass Valley, Kenwood and Niles.

More About Churches and Ministers on the Job

SAN JOSE. Over a thousand pounds of dried food was carefully wrapped and sent to specific families in Europe during Lent. A choir of 33 sang DuBois' "Seven Last Words" on Palm Sunday. Sixteen joined the church at the candlelight communion service. A new group of the younger professional women are organized into an evening circle, calling themselves the "Candlelight Club." The Church School is beginning a wider use of visual and auditory forms of worship and education. According to Rev. S. C. Peabody, the pastor, twenty-five organizations outside of church groups use the building.

SAN RAFAEL. Word comes that this church is progressing finely under the leadership of Rev. H. William Flemming. A new Christian Endeavor Society has been formed and a junior society is in the offing. Mrs. Flemming, wife of the pastor, conducts a junior church for children up to and including 12 years of age. This is held during the adult service.

ORINDA. Twenty-five new members were received on Maundy Thursday. Seven hundred attended the Easter services in the theater. An additional one hundreed foot frontage has been secured to give the church more than an acre and a half of land for the new building. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is the pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. One hundred eighteen members were received during the Easter session. The great auditorium was filled for two services Easter morning, and the message of the day was carried to a radio audience in the evening. Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth are the ministers.

SARATOGA. "The Friendly Church of the Hills" is the name adopted by the Saratoga church people. A new Victor projector has been secured. Twelve members were welcomed on Maundy Thursday. Rev. Gordon L. King is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. After two years or more, during which time Rev. Gordon L. Foster has served both the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, beginning the first of May each church will conduct its own services with its own pastor.

PARADISE. The pastor, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, reports that they had a great Easter service. "They say we had the most people packed into the church that were ever in it and some were turned away." Morning congregations have increased materially during the year.

PACIFIC GROVE. A public address system has been installed, which carries to all parts of the building. Benevolences are now cared for by a definite monthly appropriation. Membership and attendance are on the increase. Rev. Tod B. Sperling is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA - ARDEN. The Easter sunrise service at 5:30 in the morning was the first public community gathering of a religious nature in this project and was attended by 150 people. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are in charge.

FRESNO, FIRST. Fifty-four new members were received on Maundy Thursday. The Easter attendance at the two services was 716 and the offering $1,760. Dr. Lucius C. Porter was the pulpit guest of Rev. John H. Gregg on Sunday, May 5.

SAN LORENZO. Mr. Ray Woodruff, student at the University of California, is remaining out of school for a semester and giving full time as assistant to Rev. Homer A. Schwarz. His work primarily is that of house-to-house calling.

CEDARVILLE. Four babies and one boy were christened on Easter. The film, "King of Kings" was exhibited and was seen by about 175 people. Rev. Terence Stoker is the minister and he also serves the community at Eagleville.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr had a busy day on Easter with weddings at 8:30, 5:00 and 6:00; Church School at 9:30; largely attended Easter service at 11:00 and a baptism in a home at 3:00.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. Burton M. Palmer continues to serve this church as interim minister. Seven new members were received in April, all but one of them on confession of faith.

PALO ALTO. Twenty-three new members were received at Easter. Rev. Augustine Jones is pastor.

TULARE. Seventeen new members were received the Sunday following Easter. Rev. Clayton H. Gill is pastor.

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